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World Languages Teachers Sought In Statewide Recruitment Showcase

The New Jersey Department of Education is preparing to host a statewide recruitment event designed to help local school districts find qualified world languages teachers. World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday April 28, at J.P. Stevens High School in Edison, Middlesex County.

"We know that schools are working hard to hire staff to teach world languages in order to meet their responsibilities under the Core Curriculum Content Standards. Through this event, we hope to link world languages teacher candidates with school districts," said Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr.

Saturday's event will mark the second World Languages Recruitment Day. Last year, more than 400 candidates and 60 school districts participated in the inaugural event.

The world languages event seeks to attract college graduates who are fluent in a language other than English and who enjoy working with children. Candidates may either hold or be eligible to hold New Jersey teacher certification either through New Jersey's alternate route or new conditional certification.

To be eligible for a conditional certificate, candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75. Candidates must also possess oral linguistic competency in a language as demonstrated by receiving a minimum score of "Advanced-Low" on the *Oral Proficiency Interview*, a nationally recognized test developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. For renewal of the certificate, candidates must complete a three-semester hour course in world languages methodology within 12 months of obtaining the initial certificate. They must also demonstrate progress towards meeting all state requirements for standard licensure within a five-year period.

The World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day is hosted by the Office of Standards and Professional Development and supported by the department's Teacher Recruitment Initiative. The initiative was established last year to help recruit new talent to the teaching profession, especially in areas experiencing teacher shortages, such as world languages.

NOTE TO REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS: Media coverage of this event is encouraged. Directions to the site are attached.